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Ecuador. Its ancient and modern history, topography and natural resources, industries and social development. By C. R. Enock. 375 pp. Map, ills., index. C. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1914. 9 x 6.

The author has long been a careful student of the South American countries. The literary results of his labors have greatly improved in value since he began to write on these republics. The present volume is a well-ordered treatment of Ecuador in the varied aspects of country and peoples. It is packed with information, and the geography of the country has its full share of attention. The index, for its best usefulness, might well be more copious, and a map of larger scale would be more useful.

To the River Plate and Back. The narrative of a scientific mission to South America, with observations upon things seen and suggested. By W. J. Holland. xiii and 387 pp. ills., index. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 1913. \$3.50.

A commonplace journey from New York to Buenos Aires was made a voyage of discovery through the observations and interests of a scientific observer. The object of the trip was to install in the National Museum of Argentina a replica of *Diplodocus carnegiei*. This book would be superfluous but for the keen insight of the writer, who looks upon the ocean as the "mother of life," finds spider webs in the air thirty miles from land, captures moths 400 miles out and views the heavens with a knowledge of their vastness and inspiration. A brief stop at Bahia and a longer one at Rio de Janeiro allows the naturalist to compare the life of the southern continent with the northern and, preferring the country to the town, he turns to the woodlands and also gives an unusual view of these southern ports of commerce. The days about La Plata are filled with trips to interesting points in Montevideo, La Plata, Mar del Plata and Tucumán, but it was the Museum at La Plata with its suggestions of past and present, the fossil beds of Mar del Plata and the cross-section of South American life in the side trip to Tucumán which attracted the author. Throughout the text there is a sprinkling of the present conditions, buildings, customs, industries and activities, to yield an appreciation of the present status of the country. The story has a delightful personal touch because of the wide acquaintance of Dr. Holland and, through the medium of his scientific mission, many new acquaintances, leaders in statesmanship and in science, are introduced. The author presents many photographs and eight of his own sketches in color. There are few books on the country about the river Plate which cover so much ground and yield so great a return to the reader as this one.

ROBERT M. BROWN.

The Putumayo. The Devil's Paradise. Travels in the Peruvian Amazon region and an account of the atrocities committed upon the Indians therein. By W. E. Hardenburg. Edited and with an introduction by C. R. Enock. Together with extracts from the report of Sir Roger Casement confirming the occurrences. 347 pp. Map, ills., index. T. Fisher Unwin, London, 1913 (?) 9 x 6.

This narrative is the record of the atrocities committed by the half-breed officials of the Peruvian Amazon Company upon the native rubber collectors of the Putumayo district, lying between the Cara-Parana, and Igara-Parana, tributaries of the Amazon in the Loreto district of Peru. W. E. Hardenburg, an American engineer, and his companion W. P. Perkins, penetrated the Putumayo district, barely escaped with their lives from the half-breed officials of the rubber company, and describe outrages on the natives, which rival, if they do not surpass, the atrocities of the Congo rubber district. These charges were taken up by the London *Truth* and the Anti-Slavery Society, and resulted in an investigation by the British Foreign Office which substantiated the allegations. The Peruvian Government at first denied the accusations and afterwards claimed the outrages had been stopped. But they are said to exist still.

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